THE REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were pending prior to entering the amendments.

The Amendments

New Claims 19-23 are dependent claims of Claim 1 or 5.

No new matter is introduced in any of the above amendments. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendment and re-consider the application.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 4-6 and 8-19 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 7,368,438 in view of Marconi et al. U.S. 4,591,596 (Marconi) and Dyson Veterinary Dermatology (1997), Vol. 8, pages 227-233 (Dyson).

Claims 1, 4-6 and 8-19 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over Claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 7,335,648 in view of Marconi et al. U.S. 4,591,596 (Marconi) and Dyson Veterinary Dermatology (1997), Vol. 8, pages 227-233 (Dyson).

Applicants do not agree with the rejections. However, to accelerate the allowance of this application, Applicants are submitting herewith Terminal Disclaimers to overcome the double-patenting rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is now in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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